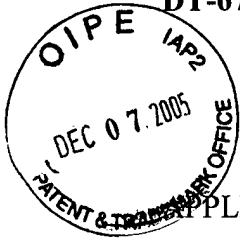


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2005 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-2 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that claims 4-11 would become allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the main claim and any intervening claims.

Examiner's intention to allow claims 4-11 upon claims 4-11 having been rewritten in independent form (claim 4), is noted and appreciated. However, applicant believes that rewriting the claims in independent form is not necessary as they depend on a claim, claim 1 earnestly believed to be allowable.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.